THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contribution of Child Labour

2068. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of Child Labour contribution in the national production; and

(b) what steps are being taken to remove the child labour?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No comprehensive survey as such has been conducted to ascertain the percentage of child labour contribution in the national production.

(b) There are a number of legislations which prohibt the employment of children below 14 years in certain occupations/processes and regulate their conditions of work in other areas with a view to protect them from exploitation at work and also to improve their working conditions. The National Policy on Child Labour 1987, *inter alia*, envisages project based plan of action in areas of concentration of child labour and focussing on general development programme for the benefit of child labour. Financial assistance to voluntary organisation is also provided to take action-oriented projects.

Tripartite Committee on Dearness Allowances for Public Sector

2069. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the term of the Tripartite Committee on Public Sector Dearness Allowances and the report has not been finalised so far; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay by the Tripartite Committee on D.A. for not submitting its report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes Sir, the term of the Committee has been extended up to 31st July, 1992.

(b) There has been no unanimity so far on a suitable Dearness Allowance Formula.

Employees' State Insurance Scheme

2070. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees State Insurance Scheme coverage has been increased from Rs. 1600/- to Rs. 3000/-;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a number of trade unions have secured stay order against the implementation of the Scheme with extended coverage on the ground that the service they are getting from the Scheme is not satisfactory; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. 23 trade unions belonging to different establishments have secured interim stay orders against the upward revision of wage ceiling for coverage under the ESI Scheme. Necessary steps are being taken to get the interim stay orders vacated.

Conditions of child labour in the country

2071. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that millions of children are employed in household, business establishments, factories and even in hazardous industries